07. There is a need for thorough, scientific reassessment of the entire system of collection and analysis of statistics to make them more rational and realistic.

08. There is a need to upgrade the post of DDG (MO) and to place the entire RMS work in the country under him combining all internal/international mail services including Speed Post.

09. There is a strong case to establish at least one separate RMS Division in each Postal Circle like Himachal and particulary RMS Units need to be placed under the control of the same circle

10. It is necessary to establish at the National Level a Hill area Mail Monitoring Organisation to pay attention to the Special features governing mail movement in such areas.

11. There is a need to re-examine thoroughly the District Pattern of Sorting keeping in view the natural geographical and communication links and more importantly delivery benefits.

12. Annual meeting by the Hon'ble Minister (C) with Chief Ministers or his moninees handling Transport & Minister of Railways, Minister for Surface Transport and Minister for Civil Aviation for proper coordination should be organised

13. State Level Councils at field levels with the Transport Agencies like Airlines and Surface Transport/State Govts. should be convened.

14. The Question of evolving a system in which the PIN Code is integrated with the addressing system of mails, should be studied. It may be considered if the PIN Code can be loaded with additional date for easy recognition of delivery beats.

15. It is necessary to re-examine the principles underlying the PIN Code system to fit in with the pattern of Sorting adopted by the Deptt.

16. There is a need to have different colours of envelopes for I & II Class Mails.

17. A further study is needed to evolve a programme of linking National Capital with the Distt. HQ of the country to provide National Mails Grid.

18. There is a need to change the present pattern of exchange of mail bags to have better linkages.

19. There is a need to restore Sorting sections where the DAK system has suffered and where there is an element of delay due to revised system and where the mails depend only on Mail/ Road services.

20. There is a justification for the restoration of previous direct bags which were suspended after new pattern was adopted Head Offices of neighbouring Distt. but in different States should have direct bags, in view of common community of interests.

21. There is a need for better staff amentities.

Import of Iron and Steel Products under OGL

3870. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to allow the import of all prime iron and steel products under the Open General Licence (OGL); and

(b) of so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Indian Prisoners of War in Pakistan Jails

3871. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian Prisoners of War (POWs) who have died in Pakistan jails during the last three years;

(b) the total number of such P.O.Ws still in Pakistan Jails;

(c) the efforts made by the Union Government for their early release; and

(d) the number of P.O.Ws exchanged between India and Pakistan during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) 54 mission Indian defence personnel are believed to be in Pakistani jails. Government have repeatedly taken up with the Government of Pakistan the question of their repatriation to India. The Government of Pakistan, however, maintains that there are no Indian defence personnel in its custody. We are continuing to press Pakistan on this issue.

[English]

Crop Insurance Scheme

3872. DR. K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total amount collected as premium under Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme and compensation actually paid to the farmers during 1990-91, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): A State-wise Statement showing the premium collected and compensation actually paid to the farmers under Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) during 1990-91 is attached.

STATEMENT

Rs. in lakhs

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Premium collected	Claims actually paid
1.	Andhra Pradesh	195.94	—
2.	Assam*	6.59	—
3.	Bihar*	58.87	—
4.	Goa	0.13	—
5.	Gujarat*	305.06	—
6.	Himachal Pradesh	0.03	NEG
7.	Karnataka	20.68	23.16
8.	Kerala	12.17	NEG
9.	Madhya Pradesh*	43.45	—
10.	Maharashtra	178.74	9.06
11.	Meghalaya	0.01	NEG
12.	Orissa	53.58	—
13.	Tamil Nadu*	146.66	21.71
14.	Tripura	0.63	—
15.	West Bengal	88.37	333.30
16.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.13	—
17.	Pondicherry	1.86	—
	Total	1112.90	387.23

NEG: Negligible amount.

* Claims for Kharif 1990 of these States are under examination.

Opening of Long Distance Public Call Offices

3873. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open more local and subscriber dialling long distance public call offices in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other new telecom services proposed to be introduced during the current year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. A large number of public telephones are proposed to be opened both in Urban and Rural areas.